

CALENDAR A&E CALENDAR

Things To do In & Around Duxbury

Classes & Courses

Hot Yoga. Friday, May 2. 7-8:30 pm. Whidden's School of Fitness, Inc., Marshfield. This is a powerful, challenging yoga class, held in a heated room. Increase flexibility, strength, endurance, release toxins. Yoga experience is recommended. Class taught by Mary Whidden. Bring water bottle, towel and blanket. Fee \$12 prepaid, \$15 at the door. Space is limited. Reserve your space by calling 781-834-9161 or mail payment to WSFI, 822 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050.

DAA's Spring 2003 Courses. The 2003 spring course book is available. New adult classes include: Calligraphy, Beginning drawing, Printmaking the painterly way, Beginning and intermediate photoshop. Sign up early at the Ellison Center or call 934-2731 ex. 4 for more information.

Japanese Hand Scroll Workshop. Saturday, May 10. 9:45 am - 4 pm. Art Complex Museum, Alden St. Participants in this one-day workshop will create several multi-plate monotypes in the morning, which they will use to complete a thematic six-section hand scroll in the afternoon. Pre-registration required. For more information call 934-6634 ex. 15.

Women Underway - Boating Seminar. Saturday, May 17. 8:30 am - 1 pm. DBMS. This one day seminar teaches boating skills to women and includes topics on docking, trailering, boating safety, basic navigation, local lore and more. \$30 fee includes workshops, lunch, and nautical fashion show. To register call 781-934-7555.

Color, Light & Composition Workshop. July 11, 12 and 13. Ellison Center. Charles Slovek, an internationally known artist, will conduct this 3 day work-

shop ideal for all opaque mediums. Sign up soon, space is limited. Call the DAA at 781-934-2731, ex. 4.

Kids Stuff

DAA's Spring Kid's Classes. New classes include: I'm a Big Brother/Big Sister Now!, Artsy-Craftsy and Intro to Acrylic Painting and Printmaking. Sign up early, space is limited. Stop by the Ellison or call 934-2731, ex. 4.

Mom's the Word. Duxbury Free Library. May 6. 4:15 pm. Children in grades 1 and 2 are invited to listen to a story and make a special gift for their mother. Registration is required and can be done in person or by calling 934-2721, ex. 115.

Snack and Yack. Duxbury Free Library. Grades 3 and 4! Thursday, May 15, at 3 pm. Do you like to yack about books? Like to snack? We'll provide the snack, you bring a favorite book to yack about. Register in person or by calling 934-2721, ex. 115.

Gather'Round. Fridays, year-round. 10:30 am. Duxbury Free Library. Program for preschoolers with an adult. Call for information. 934-2171 ext.115.

Art Classes for Children. Weekly programs at Duxbury Art Association at The Ellison Center for the Arts. Classes for children ages 3 and up. For course catalog call 781-934-2731 ext. 4.

Museums & Galleries

Art Complex Museum Receptions. South African artist Kim Berman's work on *After the Fires, 2000 - 2002* is currently on exhibit. Debra Olin's exhibit, *Around My Heart*, uses printmaking techniques along with such items as dress patterns and fabric. The exhibition runs through June 15. The exhibits are free and open to the public The

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

By Bruce Barrett

America Sings

I joined the Snug Harbor Community Chorus for their rehearsal Monday night. I planned to stay only long enough to get a little of their sound in my ear, enough to put some flesh on the bones of a piece about their upcoming Ellison Center shows at 7:30 Friday and Saturday nights, April 25 and 26 (tickets \$13, \$11 for seniors, at Westwinds Bookshop in Hall's Corner or from a chorus member). Instead, they captivated me. I stayed for the whole rehearsal.

Director Roy S. Kelley bridges the gap between serious musicality and the demands of a non-audition chorus with grace, humor, and style. Indeed, there is no gap. His singers rise to the challenge of difficult music with remarkable focus and energy, with many moments of rich harmony and complex cadence possible only when talented musicians blend their spirits to "...become one voice in concert."

It's no accident. The group took its present form in 1998, with many members singing together for years before that. Roy signed on as Director in September 2001. He brings over 31 years of professional music experience to the job, including his work (since 1995) as Organist and Choir Director for the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury. When he asked for a show of hands of singers who had been with the group since its earliest days, nearly every hand went up. When these artists blend their sounds, they rest on a massive foundation of singing together.

Accompanist Diane Conley adds solid support to the ensemble. Her versatile touch ranges from the rolling syncopation of classic rags through the driving thunder of boogie-woogie and early rock and roll, but always aimed to support the singers. No, she won't kick out the bench like Jerry Lee Louis, but she could. She will lay down the great variety of "grooves" inherent in the American Songbook with confidence and selfless service to the whole.

The program is varied indeed. American music is both international and distinctively, well, American. The show includes a triplet of Irish songs, including "Danny Boy," an Israeli set, vintage show tunes like "East Side, West

Side," and a set of ragtime pieces, including Scott Joplin's "Pineapple Rag." The capper is a medley of "The Silliest Songs You've Ever Heard," a rousing mix of crazy hits from the darkest hours of World War II ("Three Little Fiddies in a Iddy Biddy Pool"), through Doo-wap, rhythm and blues and classic rock and roll.

Anyone can see that ragtime and rock and roll are distinctly American.

Around here an Irish set is easy enough to add. But Israeli? Guess what - in 1949 Pete Seeger and the Weavers sold 2 million copies of "Tzena, Tzena," one of the concert's Israeli tunes, on the flip side of "Goodnight, Irene." I have my parents' copy. The American songbook is international.

How does it all come together? Like a quilt from a thousand lands. Pineapple Rag is a perfect example. Ragtime music is the birth pang of jazz in the belly of America's marches, march music with syncopation. Roll the easy lilt of Ireland together with the herky-jerky cadence of African America, and you'll have a rag (but don't swing it! Swing came later!). Now set it moving, and see where she goes. Like Arlo Guthrie's "City of New Orleans" - a rag, when you really listen - Pineapple Rag sung by the Snug Harbor Community Chorus will set you rambling down the heart of a nation, wind in your hair, the rattle of the rails at your feet.

How can Roy and Diane draw out and highlight such music from a crowd that just loves to sing together? The best choirs of Europe could never capture what I heard bursting from a roomful of American friends Monday night. The music, from ragtime to rock, is deeper than the voice. It's in the bones, the bones of a people forever on the move. From a tearful "Danny Boy" to the thumping boogie-woogie roadhouse anthem (Larry Williams' "Bony Maronie") American music strolls, rattles, and roars to a horizon without bounds. Roy can draw those marvelous sounds from the Snug Harbor Community Chorus for one simple reason - the sounds were there to begin with, in the bones of his singers moving in concert, blending their spirits, American style.

Museum is open from Wednesday - Sunday, 1-4 pm.
"Water to Oil" Art Exhibit. Through Apr. 30. Tuesdays-Saturdays 10-1 pm., Wednesdays-Fridays 2-5 pm., and Thursdays 2-8 pm. The James Library Center for the Arts, Norwell Center. Artwork by local artist Judith St. Peter will be on exhibit. For more information call 781-659-7100.

Juried Exhibition of Computer Art. Opening reception on Apr. 25. 6-8 pm. Exhibit runs Apr.18-May 25. Bancroft Gallery. South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset. This national exhibition of artwork utilizes digital technology juried by Aaron Fry and Dorothy Simpson Krause.

The Painted Landscape. The exhibit runs through Apr. 30. Mass Audubon South

Shore, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Opening reception Apr. 12, 2-4 pm. The exhibit displays the work of 8 North River Art Society Artists, local landscapes by local artists. It is an off-shoot of the Daniel Webster Farm day of last Oct. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Art Complex Museum Exhibitions. Rotations; A Room for Tomita: May 11 - Sept. 7. Opening reception,

May 18, 1:30-3:30 pm. Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St. A special scholar's room will be on view in memory of Kojiro Tomiuta. Also on exhibit is a scroll, Impressions of Katada, and a portrait of Mr. Tomiuta. Included is a magnificent document chest of black lacquer, which was commissioned for the Ministry of the Imperial Household. The Trompe l'oeil Exhibition 'Doubletake': Provides fascination and fun!

Trompe l'oeil, French for "fool the eye", dates back to antiquity. Artists imitate natural objects in such a way that often they are mistaken for reality. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 1-4 pm.

Music & Night Life

Snug Harbor Chorus Spring Concert. Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. 7:30 pm. The Ellison Center. The chorus is welcoming spring with the "Sidewalks of New York," and eclectic program which includes international pieces that will take the audience across the globe from Israel to Ireland, and then back in time to early 1900's ragtime. Refreshments. Tickets are \$13, \$11 for children and seniors; available at Westwinds Book Store or by calling 781-834-7041.

Fine Arts Chorale. Sunday, Apr. 27. 5 pm. at Holy Family Church, Rt. 3A Tremont St. Presents Johannes Brahms Requiem. Gwynne Cushing Sousa -soprano, Alok Kumar -Baritone, Dawn McGarvey, Brian Moll - piano and conductor Libor Dudas. Tickets: Adults \$15; \$12 Seniors, Students. Tickets available at the Senior Center, The Studio and Westwinds.

Opera by the Bay. Friday, May 2. 7:30 pm. South Shore Conservatory, One Conservatory Dr., Hingham. Saturday, May 3. 7:30 pm. The Ellison Center, St. George St. **Spring Fling Two**, features light-hearted selections from Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss and The Stoned Guest by musical satirist PDQ Bach. Tickets are \$25 adults, and \$20 students and seniors. Call Hingham 781-749-7565 ex. 10 or Duxbury 781-934-2731, ex. 10.

South Shore Folk Music Club. Friday, May 2. Doors open at 7:30, concerts starts at 8 pm. Beal House, Rte. 106, Kingston. Performer, Vance Gilbert has been described as a pure tenor, with a whimsical sense of humor, who will put on a show you won't want to miss. Tickets \$13, \$15 for non-members. For more information call 781-871-1052.

Sunday Concert Series. Sunday, May 4. 4 pm. The Art Complex Museum. Laura Vincent a flute soloist and Deborah DeWolf Emery, pianist will perform along with George Hue, Michel Blavet, Bohuslav Martinu, Jose Elizondo, Carl Reinecke and Robert Muzynski at the Sunday concert.

Mother's Day at the HSO Pops. Sat. May 10, 8 pm; and Sun. May 11 at 4 pm. Temple Sha-Aray Shalom auditorium 1112 Main St., Hingham. Two concerts by the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present a variety of works lead by conductor Jin Kim, inspired by romance and motherhood. The evening will also feature a selection of wines, champagne, cheeses and desserts, table seating with your own group or with new friends. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$10 through age 18. For more information call 781-740-5694.

Nature

Invert-A thon. Apr. 23-25, 9 am - 3 pm. Join in on these vacation week programs that will include hikes, games and crafts that involve "spineless critters." For more information call 781-837-9400.

Noodles & Doodles. Apr. 23. 6-8:30 pm. Mass Audubon. A supper and a dusk walk to observe the courtship antics of the American Woodcock. For more information call 781-837-9400.

Family Scavenger Hunt. Saturday, May 3 at 10 am. The Duxbury Open Space Committee is sponsoring a family scavenger hunt at Camp Wing Conservation Land. A naturalist will be available to identify your findings. There will be refreshments and prizes.

Benefits

Hooray for Hollywood Benefit. Saturday, Apr. 26. 6-10 pm. Indian Pond County Club. Dress as your favorite movie star, wear your Oscar night finery. Auction at 6:00, dinner at 7:30 to benefit Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's education and outreach programs. Reservations required. Call 508-746-8008 for information and tickets.

COA Golf Classic. Monday, June 2. Enjoy a day of golf on Duxbury Yacht Club's scenic course, where the Friends of the Duxbury COA will host its annual tournament. The cost is \$125 per person and includes green fee, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. The dinner will be held at the Senior Center. Sponsorships are available. For information, registration and sponsorships, please call 781-934-6115 or 781-585-6390.

Scituate Wine Tasting Benefit. Thursday, May 1. Scituate Country Club. The event will benefit the Talking Information Center. The menu will consist of a gourmet dinner, with each course complementing the wine selection. For more information call Ron Bersani at 781-834-4400.

Etc.

Duxbury Business Association Meeting. Apr. 29. 5:30 pm. Winsor House Inn. Join us for a networking meeting. The cost is \$7 per person to cover the hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. RSVP Donna Wood 934-2000, ext. 24.

Attention All Scrappers. Sunday, May 4. 9 am - 5 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, Pembroke. In honor of National Scrapbook Day, there will be a crop and swap, with door prizes, giveaways and lunch included. Cost \$25. For more information call Janet at 781-447-5004.

Pilates for Golf Program. The Back & Body Pilates Studios, (Kingston & Norwell). This program is recommended by the PGA is for golfers with tight muscles. April programs: 2 hr. group workshops \$99; Pilates for Golf weekly small group classes \$19/class; private or duet sessions \$60. Space is limited. To register call Kingston 781-585-1188 or Norwell 781-982-9545.

Garden Party Senior's Luncheon. Thursday, May 8. 12:00 - 1:30 pm. Holy Family Church. The Newcomer's Club invites all seniors to this luncheon which includes appetizers, luncheon, tea, entertainment, prizes, Pokeemo. RSVP by May 1st to Tammy at 781-837-5407.

CPR Course. Saturday, May 17. 9:30 am - 3 pm. Kingston Public Library, 6 Green St., Kingston. The course includes adult and pediatric CPR techniques. Must pre-register by May 15. \$35 per person, \$5 of which is donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation. For more information or to register call Barbara at 781-582-1440 or 1-800-434-6000.

Worth A Trip

Attract the Mate of Your Dreams. Workshop for singles. Thursday, May 15. 7-9 pm. Stop & Shop Conference Room. Rte. 3A, Cohasset. Heidi Ratner-Connolly, author and coach presents this workshop based on her book. Reservations only. \$25. Space is limited. For more information or to register call Heidi at 781-545-0983.

Art in Bloom 2003. Sunday, Apr. 27 through Tuesday, Apr. 29. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Visitors are

welcome to visit this spring-time tradition, when internationally recognized floral and garden experts and New England garden club members showcase their works of flower arranging as an art form.

Foxwoods Casino Day Trip. May 7. Rexhame Chapt.103 Order of the Eastern Star. Bus departs from Webster Sq. Marshfield, (near Marshall's), at 7 am, to Ledyard, Conn.; and departs Foxwoods at 4 pm, to return at approx. 6 pm. Tickets are \$23. For reservations call Alberta at 781-826-2580 or Ena at 781-826-5496.

Ongoing

Sing with the Snug Harbor Chorus. Monday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30. St. John's Church, Washington St. All voices are welcome to join in with the Snug Harbor Community Chorus.

DBMS 2003 Shore School Courses. The following courses are available for registration: ERG Sessions, the season runs through May 2, \$150.00; Boating Safety, Short Course. The class will meet on two successive Sat. from 8 am - 12 noon. This class is offered at various times from March - May. For more information on call available courses call 781-934-7555.

Paint Your Own Pottery. Expressions, 433A Washington St. Studio hours: Sat. 10 am - 5:30 pm, Sun. 12-5 pm, Mon. 11 am - 6 pm, Tues. closed, Wed. 11 am - 6 pm, Thurs. 11 am - 10 pm (close at 8:30 is no painters), Fri. 11-6 pm. Phone: 934-8122.

Dance Therapy Program. Mondays. 7-7:45 pm. South Shore Hospital. This is a program for breast cancer survivors of all ages. The program features pain-free dance movements to upbeat and inspiring music. Geared to personal needs and abilities, dance experience not required. Wear comfortable

clothing. The course is free but pre-registration is required. Call 781-340-4217.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. TOPS meets on Fridays from 10-11 am, (weigh-in time 9:30-10), at the Duxbury Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to join. Perfect for young Moms. Annual fee \$20, plus \$2 weekly fee. Call 934-5774 to sign up.

Women's Health Network. Jordan Hospital offers free breast and cervical cancer screening services for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women over the age of 18. Screenings are by appointment. Call 800-750-5343.

Yoga Classes. Classes are offered on Tuesdays. 7 pm. Pilgrim Church; call Kathleen at 781-837-7545. Class fee is \$10

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer to Make Decorations for Grad Night. A committee will meet Tuesdays from 7-9 pm in the Art Room at DMS to make decorations for the graduation party for DHS Class of 2003. Parents are welcome to come any or every Tuesday night. For more information call Linda McGrath 934-0647.

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers are needed to take senior citizens to doctor's appointments; others are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors or to help out at special events. If you have a little time to spare, stop by the Senior Center and pick up an application or call 934-5774 for more information. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage.

Duxbury Free Library. The library is seeking volunteers to assist in selecting articles of historic value from current newspapers. Requirements are, a knowledge of Duxbury and a keen eye for detail and photocopy skills. Call David Murphy. 934-2721 ext. 103.

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